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I went to see Chancellor Adenauer at the Bristol Hotel at 9:50 this morning. He had with him Messrs. Blankenhorn, Hallstein, and two other members of his staff. We talked at length about the Saar. Adenauer said [redacted] it would be impossible for him to enter into any definitive arrangement with the French on this subject before the German elections. However, he seemed disposed to reach an accord in principle with the French which he hoped would be satisfactory to them. His chief preoccupation was with Prime Minister Churchill's speech of yesterday. He said he was going to London on Thursday, where he had to deliver two speeches and also have private conversations with Churchill. He was anxious, before going, to know what the American Government's reaction to the speech was and to have its views on what line he might take in commenting on it. The Chancellor felt confident [redacted] the EDC Treaty would be passed by the Bundesrat on Friday of this week. His own view of the Churchill speech was unfavorable and he prefers the Eisenhower demanding approach/[redacted] the Russians exhibit[redacted] by deeds their sincerity in wishing to discuss existing differences betwee[illegible]d West.

He seemed in fine health and [illegible]y the strain of his recent battles with the Bundesrat. [illegible] his attitude toward the Saar matter is too rigid and intra[illegible]ut he may alter it when he has direct negotiations with Messrs. Mayer and Pidault, whom he proposes to see together on the subject.

When I returned to the office I sent a telegram to Bedell Smith and also called Merchant on the telephone to ask if they could give me any reply to the Chancellor's inquiry about the Churchill speech.

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Chester Beatty came to lunch with us. He is 78. He is on his way to his residence in Ireland and we are both anxious to visit him there and see the library which he is giving to Dublin. His wife died last year and he proposes to make a gift of part of her magnificent collection of modern pictures to the National Callery at Dublin. His own collection of Oriental manuscripts is considered the finest in the world and it will be housed in the building now under construction. He is very vigorous mentally and a man of tremendous charm.

I attended a meeting this afternoon of the Directing Committee of the EDC, which had not met for a considerable time. The Italians suggested a change of language in one of the protocols which was accepted. I advised the Committee that we were ready to proceed with the discussion as to the way in which American end item assistance would be handled.

Tonight the Chambers, Denise Tuard, Peter Scott, Drew Parsons, Mainbocher, and a famous young pianist, Eisenberg, came to the house for cocktails and buffet before going on to the American National Ballet Theatre show. E. went with them but I stayed at home. They proceeded afterwards to the Dillons', who were giving a party in honor of the ballet troupe.

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